

Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special individual by the name of First Lieutenant Wayne T. Hogancamp. First Lieutenant Hogancamp, who lives in Orange County, California, was awarded the third highest honor in the military for gallantry in action, the Silver Star, on January 1, 1945.

While in command of an M-8 cannon platoon and advancing over an enemy-controlled road in the Philippines, First Lieutenant Hogancamp maneuvered his M-8 through a barrage of enemy artillery fire and successfully destroyed two 77 millimeter guns, thus allowing his column to advance. While continuously exposed to enemy fire and using a burning M-5 tank for cover, he eliminated the enemy threat, allowing the safe passage of his men.

First Lieutenant Hogancamp's bravery is a testament to the dedication and valor of himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

It was an honor for me and my office to have helped Lieutenant Hogancamp obtain his much-deserved Silver Star medal and to have presented it to him this past weekend, 65 years after his heroic act.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring First Lieutenant Wayne T. Hogancamp of the United States Army.